

APPROVED MINUTES

Members

Mark Almeda, Chair
Christine Cochrane
Samuel Obar
Roger F. Turner, Jr., Vice – Chair



Walpole Historical Commission

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A meeting of the Walpole Historical Commission was held on June 16, 2016 in the Walpole Room of the Walpole Public Library.

The following members were in attendance:

Mark Almeda, Regular Member, Chair
Christine Cochrane, Regular Member
Samuel Obar, Regular Member
Roger F. Turner, Jr., Regular Member, Vice Chair

The following guests were in attendance:

Christopher O'Neil
Christopher Timson
Warren Cottrell

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

Mark Almeda made a motion that the 453 Winter Street demolition request be first on the agenda. Roger Turner seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0-0.

453 Winter Street - Demolition Request

All four members of the Commission, along with the applicants, attended a site visit at 453 Winter Street immediately prior to the meeting.

Mr. Almeda made a motion that the property at 453 Winter Street is architecturally or historically significant. Christine Cochrane seconded the motion.

Sam Obar asked the applicant what efforts have been made to preserve the building or parts of the building. Warren Cottrell stated he brought a preservationist from Plainville to the house, and he did not see anything that could be preserved. Mr. Obar said the house is architecturally or historically significant.

Mr. Almeda explained the demolition delay process, and stated that tonight's vote is separate from the vote as to whether the building is preferably preserved.

Roger Turner asked Christopher O'Neil what, if anything, he plans to preserve. Mr. O'Neil said he would preserve anything that could be re-used.

Ms. Cochrane said it is architecturally or historically significant. It was built around the time of the town's founding.

Mr. Turner said he felt the applicant has made every effort to preserve the house.

The motion passed 3-1-0 (Turner opposed.)

Mr. Almeda described the demolition delay process again, and explained a public hearing will need to be held.

[All three guests left the meeting at this time.]

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Almeda made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016. Mr. Obar seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0-1 (Cochrane abstained.)**

Mr. Almeda made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016. Ms. Cochrane seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0-0.**

Mr. Almeda made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2016, with amendments. Ms. Cochrane seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0-0.**

Mr. Almeda made a motion to approve the minutes of May 31, 2016, with amendments. Ms. Cochrane seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0-0.**

Membership:

Mr. Obar presented a list of names for potential new members.

Budget:

Mr. Almeda suggested buying a tablet, as it would assist the Commission with inputting data for such projects as the barn survey.

Mr. Almeda made a motion to get an iPad Pro, 9-inch, for the Historical Commission's use, with funds available. Ms. Cochrane seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3-0-1 (Obar abstained.)**

Adjournment:

Mr. Obar made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0-0.**